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Adka Development (1954) Department.

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Dated 23-12-49

[Despatch Abstract.]

M.W. Dept - Communities eligible for help - Scheduled Tribes -

Classification - papers required -

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Firka Development Department.

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Memorandum No.35674.FDIV/49-2., dated 3rd September '49.

Sub: Harijan Welfare Department - Communities eligible for help - Scheduled Tribes - Classification -

At the Conference of the Provincial Premiers with the Drafting Committees of the Constituent Assembly, it was agreed to treat all tribes as one, and that each Province should consider whether a section of the tribals in that Province should be treated as a separate unit. The communities eligible for help by the Harijan Welfare Department consist of (a) Scheduled Classes. (Harijans) (b) Aboriginal and Hill Tribes not included in (a) and (c) Members of notified criminal tribes and their families. The Director of Harijan Welfare is requested to examine whether in view of the above agreement at the Conference of the Provincial Premiers, any change in the classifications of the Communities is called for and submit a report at an early date.

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25-8-1949.

To
The Director of Harijan Welfare, Madras.

Copy of letter C.1-9201-49 dated 14-10-1949 from the Hon. Director of Harijan Welfare, Madras addressed to the Secretary to Govt., Firka Development Dept., Fort St. George.

Sub: Harijan Welfare Department - Communities eligible for help - Scheduled Tribes - Classification -
Ref: Govt. Memo.No.35674-F-D-IV-49-2(Firka Development), dated 3-9-1949

No change in the existing classification of the eligible communities is called for as the present classification is working satisfactorily.

Public(Miscellaneous II) Deptt.

At a conference of Provincial Premiers with the Drafting Committee in July last it was agreed that all tribals should be treated as one and that each Province should consider whether a section of the tribals in that Province should be treated as a separate unit. The communities eligible for help by the (Labour) Harijan Welfare Department consist of (a) Scheduled Castes(Harijans); (b) Aboriginal and hill tribes not included in (a); and (c) members of notified Criminal Tribes and their families. Firka Development examined, in consultation with the Hony. Director of Harijan Welfare, whether any change in the classification of the communities was necessary and have decided that no change in the existing classification is necessary as the present classification is working satisfactorily.

2. It was also suggested at the Conference by Dr. Rajendra Prasad that instead of over-burdening the Constitution with the list of Scheduled Tribes and Castes it would be better if an Order was issued by the President specifying the list of Scheduled Castes and Schedules Tribes in each Province on the lines of the Government of India(Scheduled Castes) Order, 1936. This section is concerned with the Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes. A copy of the 'Brief Report of the Conference' has already been received and dealt with in this section with reference to these points. With reference to Addl. Secy's orders in another file a Call Book entry has been made against 1-12-49 with the object

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~~object~~ of remainding India, if by that time they do not call for the views of this Government about the preparation of the list of Scheduled Tribes. No action is therefore called for in this section.

3. With these remarks the file may be returned to Firka Development Department.

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9-11-1949.

No action is necessary till the President notifies the lists of Scheduled castes under the New Constitution in consultation with the Governor; the present position may be maintained till then. After these lists have been finalised, we can, as I have already suggested, adopt, for all purposes, these lists as far as the Scheduled Tribes and Castes are concerned, all other backward communities requiring special treatment or assistant by the Govt. being listed in a third list called "Other Backward Communities." E & P.H. have already taken action to prepare this third list.

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14-11-49.

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Notes of this Deptt. on pp.1-2 above.

2. Pub.(Elc) have stated that no action is called for till the President, notifies the list of Scheduled Tribes and Castes. It is for orders whether the papers may be recorded for future reference.

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21-11-1949.

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